



Good News from Dr. Bennett... Jan. 6th,

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Welcome Back!!

It is good to get back to the school routine after all the days off. It is even better because we have Mrs. Niedbalski and Mrs. Scannell back with us from their extended leaves. Hopefully, all will be well with them for the rest of the school year.

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Mary Done as our new head cook and Miss Katie Bergheger as our new P.E teacher. We are so blessed to have such great staff members!!

Observing the 100th Anniversary of the Cathedral Fire

This Sunday there will be a special Mass and commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the "Great Cathedral Fire". The Mass at 10:30 will be celebrated by Bishop Braxton and Bishop Schlarman. It will also honor members of the fire and rescue departments in the local area. There will also be blessings of the new gifts to the church that will be on display for the first time.

Tours will be offered from noon until 3:00 and there will be exhibits and refreshments in the undercroft. Everyone is cordially invited to join in this special day.

Locking Gates Every Day

We had been in the habit of leaving the playground gates open on those days when the weather was too bad to go outside and most of us parked in the back. However, when we left the gates open on Tuesday when it was so cold, we noticed some rather strange folks wandering through the playground, so we have decided to lock all the gates every single day. We all have keys to the gates if we need to get out in bad weather.

Also, on Tuesday, one of our students left a stranger into our building by the back door. We are now going to tell all the children NOT to open any doors for ANYONE that is not a staff member. This includes parents. Students who see someone at any of the doors - besides the front doors - will be going to get a staff member to open the door. Please don't be offended when we do this since your child's safety is our main focus. We ask that all parents continue to come to the school after 8:00 and before 3:00 and use the front door and "buzz" you way in. Thanks for your understanding.

Lock Down Drill

Every year we are mandated to have a "lock down drill" - in the event that a dangerous person somehow enters the school. During this drill we practice with the students and teachers how to secure the classroom doors and keep everyone out of sight from the doors. This will fit in well as we tell the students about NOT opening doors for people. We will be having this drill in the next week or so, in case your children come home and tell you about it.

Girls in Diocesan Basketball Tournament

We want to wish GOOD LUCK to our 6th and 8th grade girls' teams as they play in the diocesan tournament this weekend. Games will be played at various locations, so please go to the sports website for daily information.

New Students

We are pleased to welcome 5 new students after the Christmas break. There are three new little ones in ELC -- Colin, Andrew and David - as well as two new students in the upper grades - Anastasia (gr. 4) and Trey (gr. 6). We are always happy and excited to have new families join our Cathedral family at any time during the year.

Camp Ondessonk Coming Next Week

A representative from camp Ondessonk will be here to talk to all the students from grade 3-8 about going to camp next summer. This is always a healthy activity for the students during the long vacation time.

Prayers for Mrs. Fleming

I am asking for everyone to say some extra prayers for our art teacher who has been suffering from an illness and unable to come for art classes. She so much wants to be with the students, but is physically not able to. Please include Mrs. Caroline Fleming in your prayers so that the doctors can get to the root of her problem and allow her to resume a normal life again.

Next Friday is the end of the second quarter (and the first semester) of this school year and report cards will be coming home on the 20th.

Peace for a great New Year,

Dr. Kay Bennett

